Cases Pending Against Officers

5287. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) how many CBI or vigilance cases are pending against officers in various steel plants;

(b) whether it is a fact that those who are involved in CBI or vigilance cases have been promoted to higher posts or holding very lucrative posts; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI DILIP RAY); (a) As on 1 -5-2000, Department Enquiries for imposition of major penalty is in process for 44 officers of SAIL including its subsidiaries. This includes 15 officers who have been charge sheeted on the basis of reports received from CBI. SAIL has also given sanction to CBI to prosecute 15 officials. CBI has registered another 51 FIRs against officers of SAIL.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.- Information in respect of Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited is being collected and will be kid on the Table of the House.

Probe into Modernisation of SAIL

5288. SHRI R. S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up an inquiry committee to probe into the various, aspects of Rs. 12000 crore spent on modernisation of different steel plants under SAIL;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether cases of misappropriation during modernisation has come to the notice of Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI DILIP RAY): (a) and (b) No decision to institute an enquiry has yet been taken by the Government.